Students for Socialism

Where is it?

Students for Socialism will be held in Trinity College Dublin (TCD) in the Arts Block.
on the 15th, 16th of February.
Transport will be arranged from Belfast, Galway, Cork, Waterford, and Derry.

Bookmarks Bookstall

Bookmarks will be providing an extensive stock of socialist books and pamphlets and the organisers will be pleased to offer advice on further reading on any of the topics discussed at the weekend.

Registration

Registration will be in the Arts Block of TCD from 5pm on Friday evening (Swift Theatre) and from 10.15 on Saturday Morning, outside Swift theatre in Room 3027).

Booking Form

Name _____

Address _____

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Phone _____

I Require _____ tickets @ £2.50, and enclose a cheque, PO for £

Accomodation

Accommodation is available for those attending the weekend in the homes of Dublin members of the SWP. Please bring a sleeping bag.
I require accommodation for_____ people.
Special requirements:_____

Creche

There is a free creche available at Students for Socialism. Places must be booked at least a week before the event

Return completed booking form to SWP, PO Box 1648, D8, any inquiries phone (01) 8722682

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Students for Socialism

IDEAS IN REVOLT

A weekend of meetings and debate

Speakers include: John Rees (Editor IS Journal), Eamonn McCann, Kieran Allen (Editor Socialist Worker), Marnie Holborrow and others.

February 16th, 17th,
Trinity College Dublin
Tickets: £2.50

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Students for Socialism Timetable

At the end of 1995, millions of French workers and students came out onto the street to fight against the cuts in public sector spending imposed by Chirac's government.

France is not an isolated example. Belgium has already seen marches in solidarity with the French strikes.Planned cuts by other governments can produce a similar response. The prospect of more militancy has terrified the leaders of Europe.

The Irish economy is apparently growing from strength to strength, yet between one third and one half of all the new jobs created are part time. Many students are forced into taking these jobs to subsidise a pathetic grant.

There is a new mood of confidence and anger in Ireland. 1996 will kick off with rallies of hospital workers around Ireland. With EU money being cut, and our politicians trying to restrict public sector spending, the coming years should be eventful.

But for our struggles to be successful we need a set of ideas that not only knows how to win a strike or run a college occupation. We need to understand the way society works, look at past struggles, and offer a real alternative.

Politicians and the media can offer no explanation for the strikes in France or the war in Bosnia. They cannot explain away the fact that half a million new born babies die from having their umbilical cord cut with septic scalpels. **Students for socialism will provide an opportunity to debate and discuss the socialist answer to the crazy system we live under.**

Friday	Swift Theatre	
6 to 7.15	**Irish Culture: do we live in a Post-Colonial Society?** *Catherine Curran*	
7.30 to 9.00	**Is Marx relevant to the modern world?** *John Rees*	
Saturday	Room 1, 3027 (arts)	Room 2 3071 (arts)
10.30 to 11.45	**Feminism, Sexuality and Society** *Marnie Holborrow*	**Do all Revolutions lead to tyranny?** *Richard Boyd Barrett*
12.00 to 1.15	**The peace process, What's gone wrong?** *Eamon McCann*	**From Newton to the Atomic Bomb-Is science progressive?** *Peadar O Grady*
2 to 3.15	**Che Guevara, Romantic or Revolutionary?** *Colm O Riain*	**Blair, Spring and the politics of Labour** *Kieran Allen*
3.30 to 5 pm	**Towards the Millenium- The Prospects for Socialism** *Donnacha MacRaghnall (UCD Student), John Rees (SWP Britain)*	

Social Saturday Night 8pm, details to be confirmed.

Students, Resistance & Revolution

Weekend Conference

Trinity College, Dublin
Friday 24th and Sat 25th February
Tickets £2
PO Box 1648, Dublin 8
Tel: (01) 872 2682

Tickets available from S.W. sellers

HIGHLIGHTS:

How do we get socialism? Democratic Left debates Eamonn McCann (SWM)

Why is Africa in crisis?– Manny Tanoy (African socialist)

Can there be a Socialist Revolution?

Other meetings include:

Marx versus Weber–Who are the working class?; Where is Republicanism going?; The Politics of Sex; Student radicalism–Does it belong to the sixties?

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Students Resistance and Revolution

Time	Room 3051	Room 3071
Friday 6pm	**Marx versus Weber–Who are the working class?** *Kieran Allen*	**The Politics of Sex** *Mary Smith*
7.30pm	**Debate:** **How do we get socialism?** *Democratic Left* and *Eammon McCann (Socialist Worker)*	
Saturday 11am-12.15	**Literature, art and revolution** *Conor Kostick*	**Where is Republicanism going?** *Niall Morton (Belfast SWM)*
1.30-2.45	**Why is Africa in crisis?** *Manny Tanoy (African socialist)*	
3.00-4.15	**Student radicalism–Does it belong to the sixties?** *Al Goode*	**Is Socialism Utopian?** *Richard Boyd Barrett*
5.30-7.00	**Can there be a socialist revolution?** *Joan Gallagher and Manny Tanoy*	

INDIE & RAVE DISCO

8pm till late: £1.50 Bring own beer

Connolly Hall, Essex Street

Students for Socialism

Some of the highlights...

★ The drive towards EMU is producing a polarisation on the right and left in countries across Europe.

Chris Harman, author of *Explaining the Crisis* and *The Economics of the Madhouse* will speak on **The Crisis of Capitalism in Europe**.

★ Is the North sliding back into sectarian conflict?

Derry socialist, **Colm Bryce** will look at Where are the IRA going?

★ Lecturer in sociology and editor of *Socialist Worker*, **Kieran Allen**, will talk on **Marxism and Sociology**.

★ With an election looming, **Bríd Smith**, ATGWU shop steward and an SWP candidate in the coming election will look at whether change comes through **Parliament or Revolution**.

★ With racism on the rise across Europe and the US Anti Nazi League activist from Britain **Talat Ahmed** will look at the legacy of **Malcolm X and the politics of black liberation**.

Students for Socialism takes place in the Arts block, Trinity College Dublin on Friday Feb 21st and Saturday Feb 22nd.

Socialist publishers Bookmarks will also be present at the event with the best selection of socialist literature, old and new, to be found anywhere in Ireland.

Fill in this order form (block capitals please) and return to *Students for Socialism*, PO Box 1648, Dublin 8. For more details ring (01) 872 2682

Please send me _____ tickets at £2 each. I enclose £_____.

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Address _____

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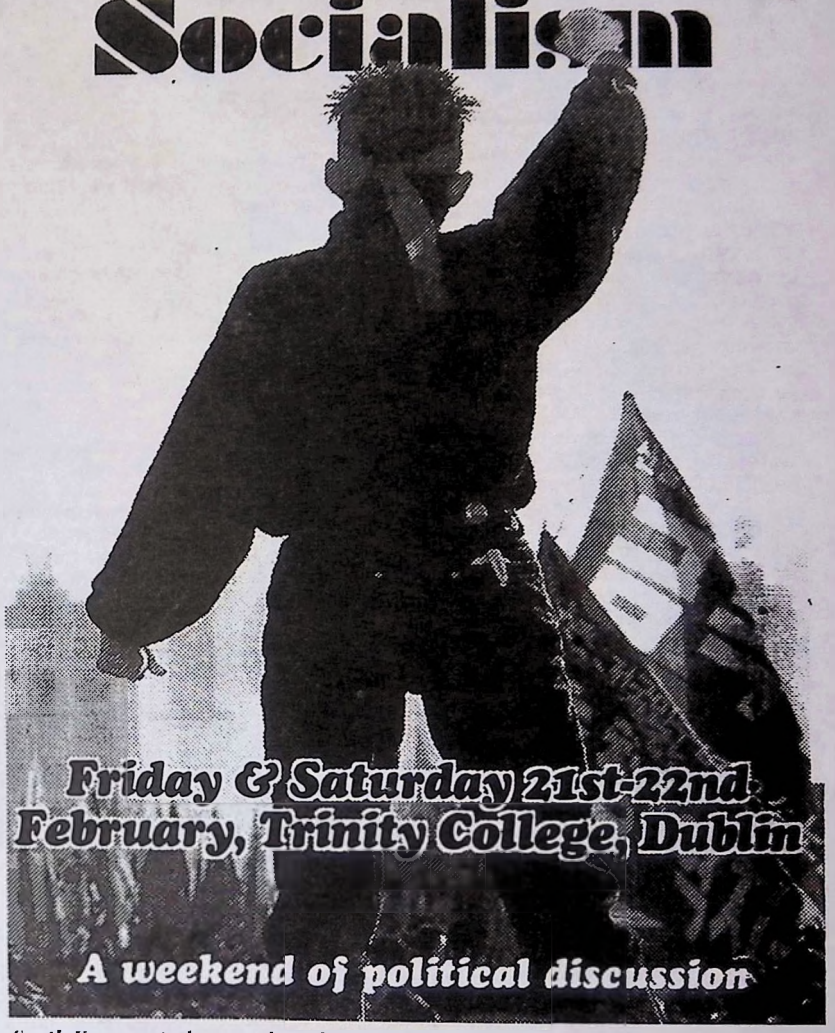
Socialist Worker Student Society presents

Students for Socialism



South Korean students and workers take on the government in Soeul last month

Students for Socialism

Organised by the Socialist Worker Student Society
Friday & Saturday 21st-22nd February, Trinity College, Dublin

ASWE head into a general election the bankrupcy of the political establishment has never been more evident.

No matter which political party is in power the story is the same - sleaze, corruption, incompetence and contempt for the views and aspirations of ordinary people.

The Lowry scandal demonstrated this in the starkest terms.

A government minister admits to taking money from Ben Dunne and evading his taxes.

All the parties who were screaming for law and order during the bail referendum are curiously downbeat about one of the biggest scandals ever to hit this state.

The reason of course is that all the major parties take money from big bussiness.

To top it off the the parties respond by voting themselves more taxpayers money to fund themselves!

Meanwhile with all the talk of economic boom, the Goverment are not even willing to pay the nurses a proper wage. Bus workers are facing 800 hundred job losses and attacks on their conditions.

Tens of thousands of young people are offered nothing but sweat-shop wages in part-time casual jobs.

In the North the picture

is even worse. The Tories and unionists have deliberately squandered the best chance for peace in years.

On this ssue as on every other Tony Blair offers nothing but an echo of Tory policies.

The Republicans strategy of the armalite in one hand and peace talks in the other has completely failed.

In Europe and elsewhere the picture is as bad or worse.

War, famine, mass unemployment, poverty, insecurity are no longer the exception they are the rule.

Socialists believe there is an alternative.

A society based on need not profit. A society where wealth is owned by all and not by a tiny minority.

In Europe there have been mass strikes in nearly every EU country against cut-backs and attacks on living standards. Workers in France have shown right-wing governments can be beaten by mass action from below. Here Nurses have voted overwhelmingly for strike action. Last year Dunnes workers achieved more for low paid workers in three weeks on strike than any party has in ten years.

North or South mass struggles organised by ordinary workers or students point the way to a different type of society.

Students for Socialism is an event which will bring together students from all over the country to look at the issues and discuss how we can build a real alternative to a rotten system.

If you're interested in seeing a genuine alternative. If you want to see real debate. If you want to do something to change the world.

Come to students for socialism.

Friday	6.30-7.45pm	Room A Science: Who does it serve? Speaker: Conor Kostick	
	8.00-9.30pm	Jonathan Swift Theatre The Crisis of Capitalism in Europe Speakers: Chris Harman	
Saturday	10.30-11.45am	Room A Revolution or Parliament: How do we get change? Speaker: Brid Smith	Room B James Joyce, Imperialism & Nationalism Speaker: Richard Boyd Barrett
	12.00-1.15pm	Room A Babes, Barbie and Spice Girls: Have women been liberated? Speaker: Marnie Holborrow	Room B Malcolm X & the politics of black liberation Speaker: Talat Ahmed
	2.00-3.15pm	Room A Russia 1917: When workers took power Speaker: Joan Gallagher	Room B Marxism & Sociology Speaker: Kieran Allen
	3.30-4.45pm	Room A Where is the IRA going? Speaker: Colm Bryce	Room B Debt, the market and crisis in Africa Speaker: Catherine Curran
	5.00-6.00pm	Jonathan Swift Theatre Final Rally: Revolutionaries in the 1990s Speaker: Kieran Allen & Chris Harman	

Bookmarks

Irelands biggest socialist bookseller

Books are weapons in the struggle for socialism. We must learn the lessons of previous revolutions and mass movements if we are to be successful in challenging the system and achieving socialism.

Bookmarks will have a full selection of socialist books available at Students For Socialism on all aspects of Marxism.

What better place to start to learn about the hidden history of struggle and the revolutionary theory which is the product of those struggles.

Accommodation:

Accommodation is available free of charge with Dublin members of the Socialist Worker Student Society for those who need it. If you need accommodation while attending the event please tick the box on the registration form. Please specify if you have any special needs.

Registration form:

Please fill in your details and return to the address below

Name: .....

Address: .....

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College: .....

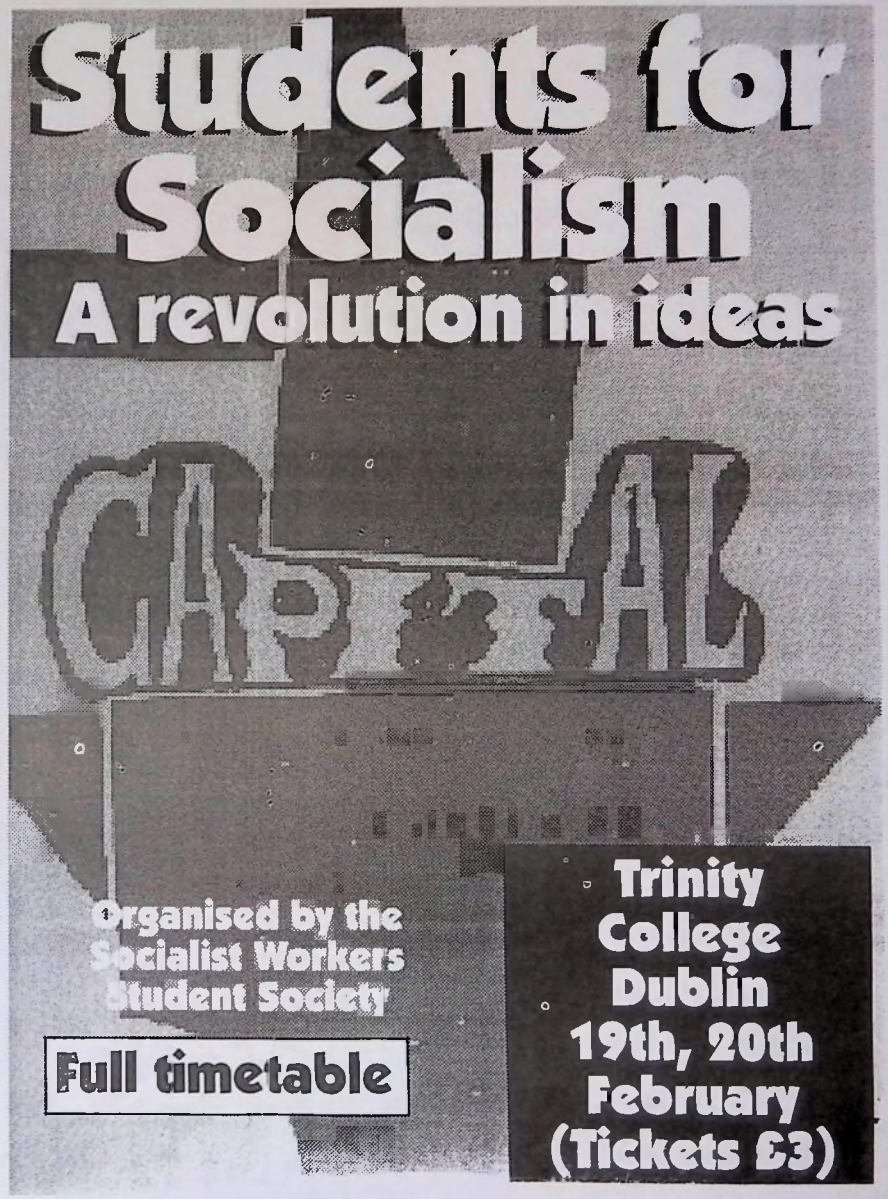
Tel: ..... e-mail: .....

I require _____ tickets for Students for Socialism (£3 each).

I enclose £_____

Do you need accommodation: ❑ Yes ❑ No

Return to: Students for Socialism, PO Box 1648, Dublin 8. Tel: (01) 872 2682



A world in crisis

Is Marx relevant today? John Molyneux, Author of *Marxism and the Party* and *Arguments for Revolutionary Socialism* speaks on Marx and Revolution Today

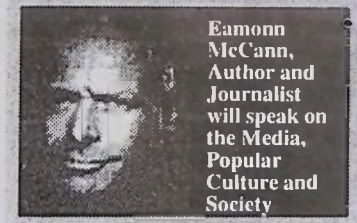
THE WORLD is careering towards the biggest recession since the 1930's. The economic crisis that started in South East Asia has now spread to Russia and Latin America. All the major economies in Europe are now slowing down.

In Indonesia 100 million people have been plunged into poverty. In Russia workers go without wages for months and millions have lost their homes and jobs.

In Europe, even before the recession has hit in earnest, over 20 million people are unemployed. In Ireland, at the height of the biggest boom in our history, the number of people living in poverty has actually increased.

Even George Soros, the man who made billions on currency speculation, admitted, "capitalism is coming apart at the seams."

Following the recent Gulf conflict Manie Holborrow will look at Imperialism and the Third World.



Eamonn McCann, Author and Journalist will speak on the Media, Popular Culture and Society

Marx argued for a system based on planning and production for human need to abolish crisis and the human misery that goes with it.

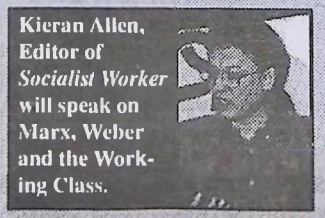
But how do we achieve it?

Many look to elect Labour style parties to put a human face on the market. Marx looked to revolutionary change and mass working class action. In Indonesia, a mass movement just toppled the hated dictator Suharto. In France, mass workers action has forced the government to introduce a 35 hour week.

Students For Socialism will look at the experience of these and other struggles.

Most importantly it will look at the lessons that we can draw as we seek to build an alternative to the chaos of the system in the here and now.

If you wish to see real change in society. Come along.



Kieran Allen, Editor of *Socialist Worker* will speak on Marx, Weber and the Working Class.

FRIDAY

	Room 1	Room 2
6:00 - 7:15	Is Cuba Socialist? Mark Walsh	What is Marxist philosophy? Sinead Kennedy

7:30 - 9:00 — **Marx and Revolution Today** — John Molyneux

SATURDAY

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
10:00 - 11:15	Trotsky's fight against Stalin Dave Lorden	The Black Panthers and the fight against racism Colm Bryce	
11:30 - 1:00	Vietnam to the Gulf Crisis: Imperialism and the third world Marnie Holborrow	Economic crisis: Why does it happen? Conor Kostick	Against Postmodernism Richard Boyd Barrett
2:00 - 3:15	Marx vs Weber: Who are the working class? Kieran Allen	Popular culture, the meedia and society Eamonn McCann	In defence of the Russian revolution Brid Smith
3:30 - 5:00	The future socialist society John Molyneux	Cloning and biotechnology: Has science gone too far? Donal MacFhearraigh	Will socialism liberate women? Melisa Halpin

5:00 - 6:00 — Final Rally — **Building the socialist alternative** — Kieran Allen (Editor Socialist Worker); Stuart Halforty (Belfast SWP)

Students, Resistance & Revolution

Anger is growing in the colleges against overcrowding and poor facilities. Student numbers have **doubled** in the last ten years—but the government is not putting in the money to pay for education.

They don't even give grants to Post Leaving Cert Colleges.

Students are starting to protest again. Ten thousand turned up to march on November 17th and occupations have happened at a number of colleges.

Student radicalism does not belong to the 1960s—there is a new generation that wants to change the world.

And there is a lot that needs changing. This government has just given a £35 million tax break to the banks while thousands live in poverty.

In Africa, millions starve while the multi-nationals suck their countries dry. In Europe, immigrants are being hounded by a racist police.

To get a world that puts people before profit, we need to get political. **Students, Resistance and Revolution** is a weekend meeting for students from around the country who want to look at ideas that can start to bring some real change to this country.

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THE press pretends that students are "all conservative these days".
But there are hundreds of radical students who want to bring some real change in the way we live our lives.
Students for Socialism is for people who are fed up with a system

- ❑ where people like Tony O'Reilly earn £70,000 a day while 650 single unemployed people try to survive on that figure for a whole week.
- ❑ which breeds the racism and fascism that has started to rise in Europe again.

There will be over ten meetings on issues from *Madness and Society* to *Why did the Holocaust happen?* All meetings take place in a jargon free atmosphere and there is plenty of time for discussion.

A weekend of discussion and debate organised by the Socialist Worker Student Society Friday 4th & Saturday 5th February, Trinity College Arts Block

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TIMETABLE

Friday Jonathon Swift Theatre

6:30pm:

Darwin. Evolution and Human origins—Conor Kostick

8:00pm:

Red-Green Debate

How do we Stop the Destruction of the Environment?

PATRICIA McKENNA (Councillor, Green Party);

PAUL O'BRIEN (SWM)

ROOM 3051	**Saturday**	ROOM 3071
10:30-11-45		
Why did the Holocaust Happen? Brian Hanley		**Political Correctness: Why is it under attack?** Marnie Holborrow
12:00-1:15		
The North: Where is the IRA going? Sean McVeigh		**The politics of AIDS** Mary Smith
2:00-3:00		
Two years after the X case: What is Happening to women's rights? Ger Tuohy		**Who do the Police protect?** Tadgh Carey
3:15-4:15		
Has the working class changed since Marx? Kieran Allen		**Madness and society** Simon Basketter

4:15 -5:00

Final Rally:

Reform or revolution

Yunis Bakhsh (Socialist Workers Party—Britain)

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